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AMENDMENT TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A staple-former (11) in a stapler (1) ~~in which staples (17) are driven by that~~ uses a driver blade (10) ~~into a workpiece (16), to drive staples (17), preferably into a sheaf of paper (16), wherein~~ The stapler contains a staple magazine (7) ~~of in which are stored longitudinally extended filiform staple blanks (8). The staple blanks are advanced by a~~ A feed device (6) ~~contained in the stapler advances staple blanks onto an integral bending die (15), which bending die has an upper support surface (21) over which the staple blanks are bent by the staple former for bending into staple shape, a shape that exhibits~~ Each staple has a first and a second leg (18, 19) ~~and a with an intermediate crown portion (20). The staple-former (11) includes a first leg-bending part (24) and a second leg-bending parts (24, 26) with and an intermediate crown-forming part (28) that exhibits a stamping surface (29). A staple forms when~~ Staple formation is accomplished in that ~~the staple former is driven by a drive device (12, 13, 14), integrated into the stapler from a starting position in a staple forming motion whose direction is transverse to the direction of extent of the support surface and in which motion the staple former is brought against the bending die. As a result, moves the leg-bending parts (24, 26) and the crown-forming part are bent over the bending die (15) causing a and the staple blank (8) to assumes-assume a staple shape. A continuation of this motion causes the staple former to be advanced a distance such that the stamping surface of the crown-forming part presses the crown portion (20) of the staple blank against the support surface. The staple-former is then reciprocated by the drive device to its starting position, and the bent staple advances is fed forward to the driver blade (10), and a biasing element (32) urges the wherein the crown-forming part (28) is displaceably arranged to away from the staple-former (11) by means of an intermediate elastic element (32).~~